



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION NO. 34 BJ 2011

STATE OF EMERGENCY – SEVERE WEATHER IMPACTING STATE

- WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, et seq., confers upon the Governor of the State of Louisiana emergency powers to deal with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake or other natural or manmade causes, in order to ensure that preparations of this state will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the state of Louisiana;
- WHEREAS,** when the Governor determines that a disaster or emergency has occurred, or the threat thereof is imminent, R.S. 29:724(B)(1) empowers the Governor to declare a State of Emergency by Executive Order or Proclamation, or both;
- WHEREAS,** there exists an extended dangerous weather system stretching across the State and affecting large portions of the nation from the Gulf Coast to the Great Lakes with high winds, severe thunderstorms, and the threat of tornados; the National Weather Service has issued weather watches and warnings along the entirety of this cold front and severe weather statements, tornado watches and warnings for large portions of the state of Louisiana; and,
- WHEREAS,** multiple parishes across the state have sustained damage caused by this severe weather system including downed trees and power lines, blocked roads, thousands of residents without power, damaged structures, with more damage expected to be reported; and,
- WHEREAS,** this extended dangerous weather system and related dangerous wind, severe thunderstorm, and conditions conducive to the formation of tornados threaten the lives and property of the citizens of the State of Louisiana; and,
- WHEREAS,** the State anticipates that assistance may be needed to assist Parishes in their response to the adverse effects of these severe weather conditions; and,

NOW THEREFORE, I, BOBBY JINDAL, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

- SECTION 1:** Pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, et seq, a state of emergency is hereby declared to exist statewide as a result of the extended dangerous weather system that has and continues to impact the State with the threat of additional damage that continues to threaten the lives and property of the citizens of the State.
- SECTION 2:** The Director of the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is hereby authorized to undertake any activity authorized by law which he deems appropriate in response to this declaration.
- SECTION 3:** All departments, commissions, boards, agencies and officers of the State, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate in actions the State may take in response to the effects of this severe weather event.
- SECTION 4:** This state of emergency extends from Monday, April 4, 2011 to Tuesday, May 3, 2011, unless terminated sooner.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 5th day of April, 2011.

/S/Bobby Jindal
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR

/S/Tom Schedler
SECRETARY OF STATE